

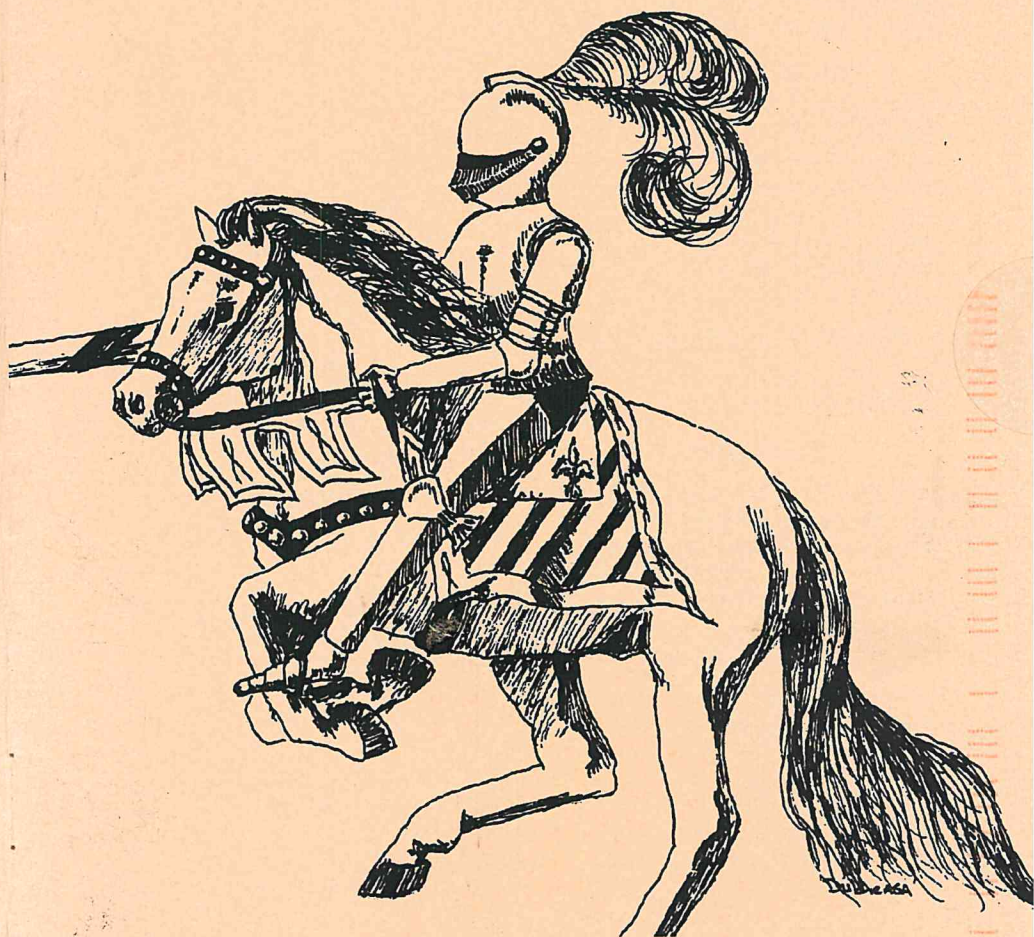


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MARCH

2	A DAY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES**
9-10	OUTLANDS CROWN TOURNAMENT** <i>Drygestan</i>
23	KINGDOM HERALDS & SCRIBES SYMPOSIUM**

APRIL

13-14	QUEEN'S PRIZE TOURNEY <i>St. Goliath</i>
20	SWORDED AFFAIRE**

MAY

11-12	OUTLANDS CORONATION <i>Dragonspine</i>
22-27	GRAND OUTLANDISH**

JUNE

1	SPECIAL OLYMPICS DEMO
14-16	QUEST FOR THE GOLDEN SCORPION

JULY

27-29	LONELY MOUNTAIN <i>Drygestan</i>
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** Indicates attendance by Their Excellencies

From the Baron and Baroness

Greetings to the mighty populace of al-Barran.

Estrella War has indeed proven to be glorious for our Barony and Kingdom. Our soldiers accomplished many acts of heroism and bravery on the field of battle and defeated many a foe. Our artisans' works shown brighter than all others among them. The aim of our archers was truer than our enemies'. Once again the Knowne World was allowed to witness the grandeur of our fair barony. We are very honored to have such a fine and noble populace.

War was a great success because of your hard work and sweat. We send many thanks to Countess Aindrea for organizing the baronial war effort. We appreciate all of your effort and time spent before war, and especially during the event. It was wonderful to have food available to the general populace. Many of us don't have time to cook or forget to eat. Thanks to Gauvain and the College for making dinner one night. Thanks to Haven Avare for warm breakfast burritos on cold mornings. Thank you to the household Rising Phoenix for providing breakfast on Saturday and Sunday. Thanks to Helga Tynker for an awesome green chile stew. Thanks to Christopher Blackwood and his household for their kind and generous donation of mead and wine for the commanders' meeting and the rest of the weekend. Thank you, Lord Conner, for hauling our stuff to and from the event. Thank you, Baron Sebastian and Dragonstrod for the kingdom tabards. Thank you, Lady Diana, for the Argent Company tabards. Thank you, Lady Alethea, for the nourishment on the field and the beautiful banners. Thank you, Master Gunwaldt, for waking us each morning so that we could timely join the King and Queen for muster. Thank you, al-Barran, for being so kind and thoughtful of each other in setting up your encampments. We couldn't be prouder!

Above all, our artisans outshined the rest of the Knowne World at this past Estrella War. Please join us Saturday, March 2 at St. Thomas of Canterbury Church for A Day of Arts and Sciences. Come display your works, learn a new skill, share a meal, and tell us how we may improve next year's baronial war effort. We are eager to hear from each of you.

We will be traveling to the Shire of Drygestan the second weekend in March to witness the upcoming Crown Tournament. Crown Tournament is always such a memorable and fun day full of pageantry. We encourage all to come share the excitement as the Outlands will have a new Crown Prince and Princess.

Al-Barran will host Kingdom Heralds and Scribes Symposium March 23. The Honorable Lord Pendar has organized a great variety of classes and made special arrangements to have a consultation table available throughout the day.

If you still haven't had enough learning and sharing of knowledge, April 13th the College of St. Golias will be hosting Queen's Prize. Sworded Affaire will be April 20th. Please read further in The Shaft and your Outlandish Herald for more information on upcoming events.

As always, we are happy to hear your ideas for future events and projects. Please feel free to bring them to our attention or to Lord Sjerne.

Al-Barran, you are truly great!

Trevor

Fermina

From the Knight Marshal



Greetings:

Once again al-Barran has proven itself as one of the greatest fighting forces in the known world. The deeds of our many valiant fighters at Estrella will be relived many times around bardic fires. It is indeed a privilege to count myself among your number.

I would like to take this time to thank all those gentles that have volunteered their time as marshals at war. Also, everyone that has been involved in the War effort is to be commended. This includes, not only the marshals but, also water-bearers, armor makers, and everyone else that has contributed. Without these hard working individuals we would not have nearly as much fun as we do.

In conclusion I would just like to remind everyone that Crown Tournament will be held in our neighbor to the north, Drygestan, this month. I would encourage anyone that can to attend this fine event. Also, look for the resumption of the regular monthly tournament at fighter practice in April.

Sincerely,

James David

From the Hospitaller

Greetings,

For all who traveled to War, Welcome Home. I hope that a good time was had by all.

We have several events coming up here in al-Barran. This month we have A Day of A & S on the 2nd, Kingdom Herald's & Scribes Symposium on the 23rd. In April we have Sworded Affaire on the 20th. May brings in Grand Outlandish, and on June 14th -16th we have the Quest of the Golden Scorpion. Also March 19th and 20th we have Crown Tournament in Drygestan.

I wish to send the populace on a mission. Invite a co-worker, friend, and/or family member to an event or even just out to fighter practice on Sunday. Let us see how many newcomers we can add to our great Barony between now and Midwinter.

Even though War practice is over I still hope to see you all out for fighter practice at the park on Sundays or even at the Blaiddwyn's fighter practice on Wednesday nights (indoors).

In Service to the Dream

Bronwen Blackwell



From the Mistress of the Lists

Greetings to One and All,

The tournament season is upon us and here are a few recommendations from the al-Barran list mistress unto those who will fight in the tournaments.

#1 - Bring both your cards. The blue membership card and the green fighter card to tournaments. This is a must and I am not supposed to let anyone fight who does not have these in his or her possession.

#2 - Make sure all of your armor is in good shape. Over the past year it was an amazing thing to me that so many fighters had to drop out of a tournament, not because they had lost, but because their armor was in such poor shape. It did not pass inspection or it broke early in the tourney. This is the time of the year to go through and revamp, rebuild, reconstruct, or make/get new. Get a hold of Sir Stefan, Sir Bohemond, or even me and I can recommend you to another to help you do this.

#3 - Make sure all your gear is together. You are not allowed to fight if you do not have certain pieces of basic equipment. Put all of this into one area, bag, etc. that way it will not be forgotten, left behind, lost or any thing else that would prevent you from participating.

#4 - Before you fight limber up, stretch out, take a few practice swings. This is basic coaching knowledge, but the amount of time it takes to do this versus the amount of time it takes to heal a torn muscle, broken bone, pulled back muscle, groin muscles, etc., is worth it.

#5 - Fight in fun, learning, practice, but not in anger. Since my first day in the SCA I have been told this and I am unsure if this is being passed on or not. If you get angry step out, take a break, and allow yourself to cool off. Talk to someone. You are there to have fun and if you aren't having fun it may be time to think things out.

As I have learned being a mundane teacher you should never have more than 5/6 rules and I think I have covered enough. Remember we are all here to help move forward our version of the dream. It is an important part of the SCA's oral traditions.

It is also important to remember to contact the MOL if you want someone to list at an event. I do have two deputies who are also looking forward to a summer of hard work, fun, and tourneys (that is what we MOL's live for *grin*). It is not enough to publish it in the Shaft or in the OH, you need to contact the MOL and reserve her or one of her deputies' time. They also need to know how to keep the list if you are doing something different. Prepare them to help and aid you to make the tournament a fun, positive experience for all.

In Service to the Dream,

Danitsa Nemanja

From the Chronicler



Greetings,

The cover art for this month is courtesy of Lady Dubheasa Eachinse. Thank you, Lady Dubheasa for the beautiful art-work.

I am also in need cover art for the next couple of months.

Sworded Affaire is in April and the theme is maritime according to my notes. Does this make anyone's fingers itch to draw a ship or sea scene? And of course Grand Outlandish in May, Quest for the Golden Scorpion in June, etc. All good themes for cover art.

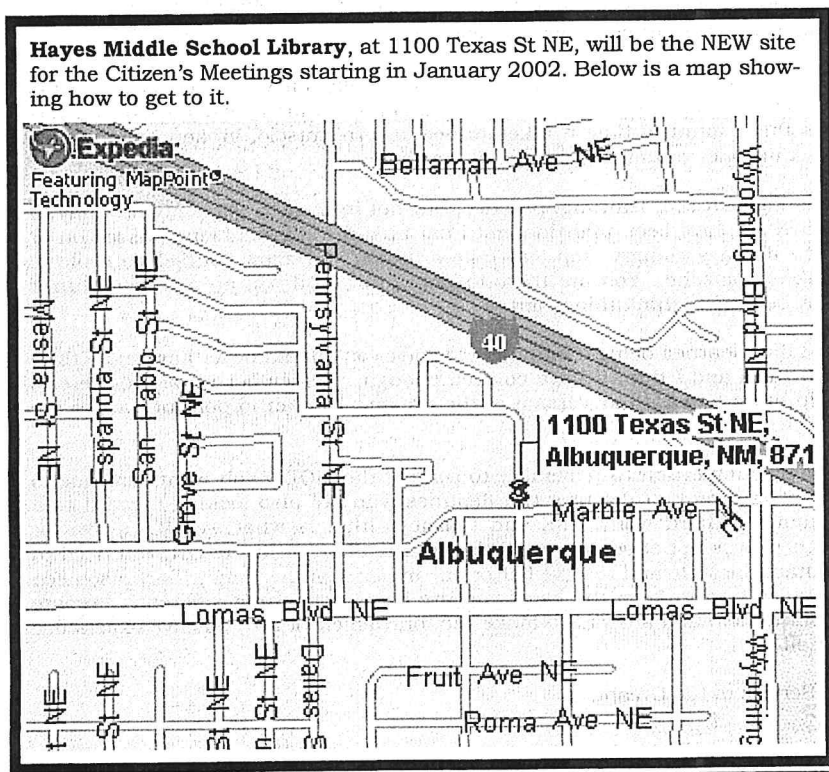
In Service,

Kathws

And for those of you like me who almost forgot we have a new citizen's meeting site...

Map to the Citizen's Meeting Site

Hayes Middle School Library, at 1100 Texas St NE, will be the NEW site for the Citizen's Meetings starting in January 2002. Below is a map showing how to get to it.



A Day of Arts and Sciences

Barony of al-Barran

Saturday, March 2nd AS XXXVI (2002)

St. Thomas of Canterbury Episcopal Church

425 University Blvd, NE, Albuquerque, NM 87106

Site opens at 9am; closes at 9pm.

Classes begin at 10am and go until 5:30pm,

Site Fee is \$5. Children under 12 are free.

Checks payable to SCA-al-Barran

The site is dry.

Come one, come all to the annual Arts and Sciences Collegium of the Barony of al-Barran. We will have a variety of classes from beginner to advanced, as well as an open display of arts and sciences. That evening we will have an Estrella War debriefing and a potluck feast and revel.

There will be a period buffet lunch prepared by Lady Sabia, and tea and cookies for the afternoon break.

Potluck feast info: Bring a dish to share (main dish, side dish/vegetable, salad, desert, or bread w/ topping) for 6-8 people, with a complete list of ingredients for allergy sufferers. The food need not be "period"; of course if you are so inclined, you may always bring a period dish. In his class, Gospodin Vladimir is making an onion soup to supplement the feast.

We still need a number of people for various important jobs such as set-up, clean-up "troll"/fee collectors. Volunteers will be able to attend most or all of the classes. Please volunteer to help by calling Lady Leonore at 298-6525 or e-mailing me at stiefell@gte.net. For clean up crew please volunteer with Lord Aehdon at 293-0596. Your participation will enrich our barony and make this event great!

Directions: St. Thomas of Canterbury Church is on the west side of University Blvd. between Central Ave. and Lomas Blvd. From University Blvd., turn left west on Ash St. and Park on the left.

Parking: First use the lot in front of the church (first left when turning onto Ash from University). We also have permission to park at the Baptist Student Union just on block south of the site on M.L.K. Jr. Dr., the first right. You may also park on the street (not blocking any driveways or no parking zones).

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A Day of Arts and Sciences Schedule of Classes:



All day classes:

Court Dancing with Lady Barbara and Lord Canus Dragonblood. No fee and no materials needed. Beginning and higher level English, French, and Italian court dances taught. Dances to be taught will be based on requests and amount of experience with court dancing.

2-Hour Classes, 10am-12 noon:

Introduction to Mead Making with Gauvain Eisenbein, Seneschal of the College of Blaiddwyn. We will start with a discussion of mead styles and mead-making techniques and then proceed to making 5 gallons of plum melomel. No fee.

Chainmail Making with Thomas de Cherbourg. Learn basic chainmail making. Bring 2 pairs of pliers.

Celestial Navigation and Timekeeping with Lord Gonner the Pirate. Period techniques for finding your way. Learn a lot and leave more confused than you came. Small fee for instrument if you wish to have one.

Mongol and Russian Seamed Felt Hat Making with Lady Skameika Draikova. We will felt flat wool fabric in class, you will receive a pattern to finish the hat of your choice at home. There will be a \$4.00 materials fee. Please bring a towel and lipped cookie sheet.

Early Period European Dress, with an EMPHASIS ON IRISH with Banrigh-Tuatha Cailte Caitchairn, OL. We will discuss Frankish, Viking, Romano-Britian, and the ubiquitous Celtic as well as Irish. many of these styles were quite similar in construction pre-1000, so we might as well learn as much as we can! however, there will still be a great deal of Irish information. Final 1/2 hour will be devoted to simple embroidery embellishment, for early period clothing. it makes all the difference, you know! 8-) Materials provided. No fee.

2-Hour Classes, 1pm-3pm:

Marzipan Making with the honorable Lady Safia al-Sabia al-Zarqa. Marzipan- its creation and use in the modern middle ages. The class will be divided into the making of the marzipan and the shaping of the marzipan in a heraldic manner. No fee. All ages welcome. Bring an apron if you wish.

Fletching, Master Steitan. I'll supply store bought feathers, dowels, and artificial sinew. It will cover splitting natural feathers, cutting nocks, (I demonstrate) then hands on fletch tying.

Stenciling for a Period Look with the honorable Lady Tana a l'Esprit Fort. We have documentation for painted fabrics in period and what a quick way to create a period look on cooler covers or tourney tablecloths. The first half of this class will consist of documentation of period painted fabrics and instruction in stenciling. In the second half of this class, you will get to try your hand at stenciling and make a small cloth or cover to keep. No fee.

East Indian Fighter Kite Construction and Flight with Lord Aehdon Aongas MacBheathain. Build and decorate your own East Indian Fighter Kite. Learn a quick history, basic flying techniques and rules for combat. If weather permits we will fly them! Materials fee \$6.50.

2-Hour classes, 3:30pm-5:30pm:

Basic Soups and Stocks with Gospodin Vladimir. In addition to a discussion of soups and stocks, we will be making an onion soup for the feast that evening. No fee.

Drumming for Dancers with Sir Creon the Artisan. Beginning and intermediate Middle Eastern drumming. Bring a drum if possible. The second hour of the class will be with the bellydancers. No fee.

Soap making with Lady Deidriu Learn to make a simple soap. "The not quite period method- but much easier- method of making lye soap." It will be demonstration with probably a handout. No fee unless people want to take a handout, price TBA.

One-Hour Classes:

10-11am **Beginning Card Weaving/Threaded in Patterns and Theory** with Lady A'isha bint Asad ud Din. A rough overview, the theory and history behind card weaving, drafting and reading threaded in patterns and some practice time. No materials needed. People taking the class should bring a belt though if they want to weave for a bit.

11-12 noon **Needle Weaving and/or Inkle Weaving** with Lady Monika the Fair. Beginners and all ages are welcome. I will tailor the class to whom ever shows up. Bring your inkle loom if you have one. There will be a \$2 fee if you wish to purchase a weaving needle.

1-2pm **Blackwork Embroidery** with Lady Dalia d'Auria.

2-3pm **Lucet** with Duchess Leah Kasmira, of Natterhelm. Basic, two-color, gimp. Materials provided, but may bring heavy crochet cotton or sport yarn with **good contrast** such as gold or turquoise. Children welcome with parental supervision.

3:30-4:30pm **Embroidery** with Mistress Mirhaxa With a look at the tunic in the Viking exhibit, no fee, I'll bring materials.

3:30-4:30pm **Period Brewing** with THL James David de Argentias. A discussion of period brewing and modern brewing techniques. Bring your favorite home brew recipes and ideas, and we will share them around. This will be discussion only, not actual brewing. No fee.

4:30-5:30pm **Drawing People in Illumination** By Lady Margherita. "Don't tell me you can't draw people". Students will receive a handout.

4:30-5:30pm **Bellydance to live Drums** with Petra. 1hr, 4:30-5:30pm Learn tricks to dancing with live drummers. Bring a hip scarf. No fee.

In addition, there will be this off-site class:

Armor Making with Master Stefan of the Wanderers. The emphasis will be on the cop and armoring tools. My armor making class is open to 3 individuals on a first call, first attend basis. It is open to those that have NOT worked in my shop before. I can be contacted at 842-8412 or wander@thuntek.net The class will start at 8:30 and run until 2PM. The class will be at my armor workshop and directions will be given when accepted to the workshop. Participants should wear work clothes, have ear protection and make sure that hair and clothes are tied back so they won't get caught during tool use. I do have gloves, eye, and dust masks for their use. There is NO FEE. Attendants will make a cop (elbow, shoulder or knee) for their own use.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
3 Fighter & Rapier Practice Court Dance Practice	4 Gammer Gurton's Needle Period Acting	5	6 Blaidwyn Fighter Practice	
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But what is so special in an Egg?

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Archery Practice A Day of Arts & Sciences
7	8	9
14 Heraldry Meeting Knowledge Games & Workshops	15	16 Archery Practice
21	22	23 Outlands Heraldry & Scribes Symposium
28 Heraldry Meeting Knowledge Games & Workshops	29	30

We tend to think of eggs as a symbol of Easter in our modern times, but when we search farther back in to history, we find eggs are a symbol of spring festivals. A symbol of the world reborn, and a symbol of the universe among the Romans, Gauls, Chinese, Egyptians, and Persians. India, Polynesia, Iran, Greece, Phoenicia, Latvia, Estonia, Finland, to Central America and the West coast of South America; all have myths of the universe created from an egg. Indeed in almost all ancient cultures eggs have been held as an emblem of life.

There is an old Latin proverb: *Omne vivum ex ovo* meaning "all life comes from an egg". In early mythology, we read of the Sun-Bird being hatched from the World Egg. Heaven and Earth were thought to be formed from two halves of an egg.

In Europe an egg was hung from New Year trees, on Maypoles at Beltane, and on St. John's trees in Midsummer. All being a symbol of the renewal of nature.

During the Middle Ages in England, in the year 1290, the household accounts of Edward I showed a recorded expenditure of eighteen pence for 450 eggs to be gold-leafed and colored for Easter gifts. We find though, that the coloring and gold-leafing of eggs goes back much further than that, they were said to have been dyed and eaten at spring festivals in Ancient Egypt, Persia, Greece, and Rome.

There are Old Polish legends blending folklore and the new Christian beliefs to firmly attaching the coloring of eggs to a miracle tied to the Virgin Mary and Christ at Easter.

The egg was thought to have special powers, thus it would be buried under the foundations of buildings to ward off evil. Pregnant young Roman women would carry an egg on their person to foretell the sex of their unborn child. French brides would step upon an egg before crossing the threshold of their new homes. Eggs laid on Good Friday, if kept for a 100 years were thought to have their yolks turned to diamonds. It was also thought that Good Friday eggs were cooked on Easter would promote the fertility of the trees and crops and protect against sudden deaths. Also, if you found 2 yolks in an Easter egg, you were going to be rich soon. This is some of what was believed.

Websites visited for this information:

<http://www.http://www.theholidayspot.com/easter/history/>
<http://www.night.net/easter/egghist.html-ssl>
<http://www.geocities.com/Hearthland/8149/egg.html>

Spring Crown Tournament

The Shire of Drygestan

March 9-10, AS XXXVI (2002)

Alumni Hall, College of Santa Fe, 1600 St. Michael's Drive,
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Site opens at 9:00 am and closes at 9:00 pm

Fees: site \$8 and feast \$7, Children 6-14; \$4 site and \$4 feast,
Children 5 and under; free site and feast

Make Checks Payable to "SCA-Shire of Drygestan"

Site is Wet

We look forward to welcoming you to Their Majesties Shire of Drygestan! King Maelgwn and Queen Cainnleach invite one and all to celebrate the coming of spring and, with it, the most glorious tournament for the Mighty Crown of the Outlands.

As usual the day will begin with an opening court followed by Crown tournament run at Their Royal Majesties whim. If time allows, both a heavy and a light weapons tourney will begin after the Crown list is over. The Heavy List will be open to all unbelted fighters and non-royal peer fighters. There will be 6 fighting styles to choose from for 5 rounds of combat which include: 1) Dagger 2) Glaive 3) Sword and board 4) 2 sticks (swords only) 5) Single one handed weapon (with brownie points for axe) and 6) TBA. Prizes will be awarded to winner, best death, and most chivalrous fighter. On-site authorizations will be available.

The light weapons tournament will include an "every man for themselves" melee. Resurrections will occur when the person who killed you are killed themselves. The tourney will include lots of props. A game of Galway tag will happen throughout the day and requires only a sense of humor to participate.

A soup and bread lunch can be purchased on site. A warm winter Irish feast of lamb, chicken, and roasted root vegetables, and after-revel will follow the day's chivalrous combat. If you are feasting, and have any food allergies or dietary restrictions that need to be accommodated, contact the feast coordinator by March 1. **We would greatly appreciate reservations in by March 1, 2002. Remember the only sure reservation is a paid one!!**

As our shire is small there is little crash-space to be had, however, information about rented lodging will be available from Baroness Adina at your request either thru e-mail or post.

Directions: Take I-25 to the St. Francis Exit and turn north towards Santa Fe. Take a left onto Siringo Road at the second light. At the second light, where Yucca St. intersects Siringo take a right onto the College of Santa Fe campus. SCA signs will direct you to Alumni Hall.

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Outlands Heralds and Scribes Symposium

Barony of al-Barran

March 23, A.S. XXXVI (2002)

Hayes Middle School, 1100 Texas NE,
Albuquerque, NM

Site opens at 8 AM and closes when Lord Stjerne kicks us all out.

There is no site fee.

Site is very dry.

Lunch will be provided courtesy of the Barony of al-Barran
and will be prepared by THL Sabia.

Greetings to one and all! The time draws near again when the heralds and scribes of the kingdom of the Outlands gather together to share their knowledge and camaraderie. For those who are established, it is an excellent opportunity to improve your abilities. For those who are interested in acquiring these skills, there is no better time to learn.

The class schedule is still not set in stone. A full list of classes and the times and teachers is available on the web at <http://www.geocities.com/ohssymp/index.html> This schedule is modified frequently as changes in teachers and what is being offered are made. My thanks to Lady Sorcha MacLeod and her Lord for creating and maintaining the website.

The classes currently being offered are:

Conflict Checking - 1 hr. by THLd Pendar the Bard

A Cultural Survey of the Islamic World and A Brief Introduction to Islamic Heraldry - 2 hrs. by Master Da'ud ibn Auda

Scribe 101 - 2 hrs. by THLy Eirene Tzmiskina Kontostephanina

Celtic Calligraphy - 1 hr. by Mistress Tatiana Pavlovna Sokolova

Creative Armory - 1 hr. by THLd Pendar the Bard

Heraldry for Scribes - 1 hr. by Lady Sorcha MacLeod

Pitfalls to Avoid in Heraldic Submissions - 1 hr. by Master Da'ud ibn Auda

Field Heraldry, or, How to Yell Loudly and Not Get Into (Too Much)

Trouble - 1 hr. by Lord Aethelwulf of Golias

Introduction to Calligraphy - 1 hr. by Doña Maria Sol de Leon

Calligraphy and Illumination of Carolingian Scrolls c.900-1100 - 1 hr. by THLy Sarah Archer

Determining Precedence and How to Make an OP - 1 hr. by Countess Kathryn of Iveragh

Ceremony Writing Under Seige - 1 hr. by Lady Sorcha MacLeod

Combat Scribe - 1 hr. by Ban-Fili Caelte and Mistress Bennet

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Designing Middle Eastern Style Scrolls - 1 hr. by Lady Dimiana bint al-Katib

How to Run a Heraldic Consulting Table - 2 hrs. by Baron Modar Neznanich

Court Heraldry: Tricks, Traps, and Triumphs - 2 hrs. by Master Adam Stedefast

Gold Leaf - 1 hr. by Mistress Tatiana Pavlovna Sokolova

Introduction to Jewish Illumination - 1 hr. by THLy Rivka Vladimirovna Rivkina

Achievements - 1 hr. by Mistress Tatiana Pavlovna Sokolova and THLy Rivka Vladimirovna Rivkina

The lunch menu currently consists of cider and lemonade, boiled eggs, meat rolls, vegetable rolls (turnip and parsnip), cheese, veggie salad, marzipan in heraldic shapes, fine cake, and fruit. Potluck dishes, especially desserts, will be appreciated. The menu is subject to change at the whim of the cook.

A consultation table will be open during lunch, during the consultation table class, and in the evening.

Lady Kiena Munro, a certified daycare instructor, will have a small gym open as a children's room. You are welcome to leave your children in this room while you attend classes. If you wish to take advantage of this service, in return you will be required to assist in the room during one full class period. Teachers at H&S will be exempt from this requirement. Toys and games will be appreciated but ownership must be clearly marked, (on the toy, not the child.)

Directions to the site: Best route to I-25 & I-40. Take I-40 east to the Wyoming exit. South on Wyoming to Lomas. West on Lomas to Texas. North on Texas a couple of blocks to the school. It will be on the right.

Questions may be directed to the autocrat at:

THL Pendar the Bard (Pendar Munro), 10 Magnifico, Los Lunas, NM, 87031;



A Plea for Help from Lady Barbara

A Welder Wanted and Donation of Scrap Metal for a Portable Hole

We have two maypoles for dancing, but only one wonderful, stout portable hole. I am looking for some one who is willing to weld a second portable hole for us and also for donations of scrap metal for it. The other one was made out of a piece of bed frame and I believe for the rings, reinforcing rod. Please contact me at 293-7453 or kreg@aps.edu if you are willing to help with this project.

Yours in service to the dream,

Lady Barbara

Sworded Affaire

Barony of al-Barran

April 20, A.S. XXXVI (2002)

Jeanne Belamah Park, 11516 Summer NE,
Albuquerque NM 87108

Site Opens: 9:00 AM, Site Closes: Dusk

Site fees: \$5 includes lunch, under 12 free

Make checks payable to SCA-al-Barran

Site is Dry.

No Reservations Needed.

Ahoy! The Baron and Baroness of al-Barran, Sir Trevor and Lady Fermina, invite one and all to join them on the high desert seas for a day of rapier combat and various non-combatant games. There will be a "Walk the Plank" tournament and "Ship to Ship" battles. Please bring your off-hand Herrings and parrots. Eye patches not necessary. Also planned for the day are several silly non-combatant activities including "Boat Races" and "Oar Dancing." A fish stew and other delectables, prepared by Lady Helga of Clan Tynker, will be served for lunch and is included in the rather inexpensive site fee. Press the gang and join us as we make merry!

Directions: Take your best route to Albuquerque. From I-25 go East on I-40. From I-40 take the Eubank exit North. Turn East (Right) on Lomas. Take Lomas to Tomasita. Turn North on Tomasita (Left). Go through two stop signs, past Love and Mountain. Jeanne Bellamah Park will be on your right. We will be in the Southeast corner. (This the usual al-Barran fighter practice park for those who are familiar.)

Autocrat: Lady Fermina Caballo (Sarah Turner), 84 Sunflower Lane, Peralta, NM 87042, (505) 869-9366 OutlandsLady@aol.com

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Grand Outlandish XXIX

Barony of al-Barran

May 22 - 27, AS XXXVII (2002)

Torrance County Park, Edgewood, NM 87035

Fees: \$20 per adult (over 15), \$10 under 15 years of age,
and a maximum family cap of \$55.

ALL non-members must be sponsored by a member.

The site is wet and the laws of the land do apply
(no alcohol for minors).

The Barony of al-Barran invites one and all to attend Grand Outlandish. The event will be held at the Torrance County Park - the same site as last year. This site is just below 7,000 feet and it has trees with plenty of good camping spots. There is no water on site so everyone is heavily encouraged to bring water to drink and for cooking. There will be plenty of fighting (both heavy and rapier) to display your skills, a town hall with merchants for your shopping, a bardic to show off your talents, archery for those keen of eye, and other fun events.

Attention merchants! We are again asking for pre-registration for Grand Outlandish. Countess Kathryn of Iveragh is our coordinator for merchants. Additional information, forms, and deadlines can be found at <http://www.unm.edu/~kballar/GOT/merchants.html>.

Plan to attend and have fun!

Directions: From I-25 and I-40, travel 19.2 east on I-40 to exit 187 at Edgewood. Go south 0.2 miles to junction NM333 (Old 66). Go left on NM 333 (Old 66) and travel east 4.4 miles to Lexco Rd (look for Mountain View Elementary School). Turn right on Lexco Rd and travel south for 2.4 miles to Martinez. Turn right and travel west on Martinez. Go 2.4 miles and look for a small sign on the left with "Torrance County Park". This sign marks an unnamed road. Turn left on this road and travel south for 0.3 miles to the park.

Autocrat: Syr Dennis the Wright (Dennis Meyer), 2721 Metzgar SW, Alb, NM 87105, (505)873-0363, omeyer@salud.unm.edu

Merchant Coordinator: Countess Kathryn of Iveragh (Kathryn Ballard), 11100 Gibson SE 1-193, Alb NM 87123, (505) 298-9032, kballard@unm.edu

Period and Period-like Food Suggestions for SCA Potlucks

In a recent discussion on the al-Barran list, many excellent suggestions were made for "period" foods to take to SCA potlucks, most of which can be purchased from a deli or grocery store, for those of you who don't cook. Per Mistress Cailte, these foods were suggested to enhance period ambiance at events, without actually relying upon a period recipe. I've summarized these suggestions and given credit to the sources of the valuable information included in this article, since I know that not everyone is on the al-Barran list. Mistress Mirhaxa suggested 8 websites for period recipes.

<http://home.earthlink.net/~smcclune/stewpot/index.html>

per Mistress Mirhaxa is the web page of The Stewpot Period Culinary Guild, composed of cooks largely from the Outlands, with recipes already tested on Outlanders. For beginning cooks the site

<http://www.godecookery.com/goderec/goderec.htm>
 was highly recommended. There is also
<http://www.pbm.com/~lindahl/cariadoc/miscellany.html>
<http://moas.atlantia.org/topics/cook.htm>,
<http://www.netcolony.com/arts/mkcooks/articles.html>,
<http://www.godecookery.com/godeboke/godeboke.htm>,
<http://www.morktorn.com/recipe.htm>,
<http://www.florilegium.com>



Lord Vladimir suggested that many "modern" recipes are the same or similar to period recipes, just with period ingredients. For example, don't use a potato, put in a turnip, or use parsnips instead of carrots, etc, and limit your spices to salt, pepper, cinnamon and cloves.

THL Sabia suggested dishes that would serve at least 7 people and deli roasted chicken, veggie trays, and even boxed cookies such as merainges and shortbreads. Mistress Cailte suggested sausages, olive salads, meatballs, roasted whole chickens, marinated mushrooms, cheese, cold sliced meats, dolmas, stuffed or pickled eggs, pickles, and simple quiches like bacon, spinach, or mushroom--all of which are available at deli counters (Smith's per Cailte has fairly decent dolmas at the deli counter.) Duchess Leah says there is a Middle Eastern market on Eubank with a lot of variety and she said that THL Delia says you can buy hummus in the cheese/spread section at Smith's or a large container at Costco. Lady Alia Marie de Blois suggested olives, cheese, kosher/halal frozen meats, and lentils from the Tri-H convenience store at Yale and Lead. Lady Alia also suggests the Montanita Co-op (in the Nob Hill Shopping Centre, and you don't have to be a member to buy there) for dolmas, hummus, cheese, and vegetables.

I suggest that we have a regular feature in the shaft of at least one period recipe article each month.

Yours in service to the dream,

Lady Barbara



LEONATO

How many gentlemen have you lost in this action?

Messenger

But few of any sort, and none of name.

LEONATO

A victory is twice itself when the achiever brings home full numbers. I find here that Don Pedro hath bestowed much honour on a young Florentine called Claudio.

Messenger

Much deserved on his part and equally remembered by Don Pedro: he hath borne himself beyond the promise of his age, doing, in the figure of a lamb, the feats of a lion: he hath indeed better bettered expectation than you must expect of me to tell you how.

Much Ado about Nothing

Act 1, Scene 1

BRAIDED EASTER BREAD

- 2 pkgs. dry yeast
- 1/2 cup warm water
- 1/2 cup butter
- 3/4 cup milk
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 2 eggs, lightly beaten
- 1 1/2 tsp. salt
- 5 cups all-purpose flour
- 6 soft-boiled, dyed eggs (nontoxic dyes only)
- 1 egg
- 1 tsp. water



In a large mixing bowl, dissolve the yeast in the warm water. Meanwhile, melt the butter in a saucepan, add the milk and heat until just warm. Pour the mixture into the bowl with the yeast. Add the sugar, eggs and salt, and stir well. Mix in the flour, one cup at a time, until a soft dough is formed. Turn the dough onto a floured surface, adding flour if the dough is too sticky to handle. Knead until it becomes elastic. Place it in a lightly oiled bowl, cover, and set in a warm, draft-free area until doubled in size (about 1 hour).

Punch down the dough. Divide it into three equal parts and roll each piece into a 20-inch-long strand. Lay the strands side by side and gently braid them. (To avoid tearing the dough, braid from the middle out to an end; repeat with the other side.) Place the woven dough in a wreath shape on a greased cookie sheet, tucking the ends under. Sink the eggs into the dough. Cover and let rise until double in size. Beat 1 egg with 1 teaspoon water and brush the wash over the dough. Bake in a preheated 350-degree oven for 25 minutes or until golden brown.

A Plea for Help from Lady Barbara Woodworkers Wanted

To enhance the ambiance at events and to protect our 250 watt stereo system, I am seeking someone who would be willing to create a tri-fold (or multi-fold) free-standing, wood-framed screen, with speaker cloth inserts, to put in front of our 250 watt, shelf stereo system at events to hide it, but not dilute the sound. Currently, we use scarves or cloth to lay over the front of the system, but this potentially cuts off needed air flow to the sound system and cuts down the volume as well.

I am also seeking someone willing to design and create a wooden, period-looking, collapsible (take apart) stand, about 4 to 5 feet tall, on which we could place a sound system for greater sound enhancement, both at the park and at indoor events. Please contact me at 293-7453 or krege@aps.edu if you or your household is willing to help with either of these projects, either in the donation of materials, design, or creation.

Yours in service to the dream,

Lady Barbara

Pony World

By Lord Michael McQuillan



*In anger and confusion
forever love you
will...*

Duke Koris finally realizes his full Potential...

And now for a bit of history...

1381 The English Peasants' Revolt.

The king's advisors decided that it would be a Good Idea to establish a new tax, and a bunch of peasants, who were tired of paying for a war with France that had been going on since 1336, got together to march on London and ask the young king to reconsider. While on the way, they started asking themselves where all this aristocracy business had come from anyhow. By the time they got to London, they had chosen a leader, Wat Tyler, and had decided to ask the king to get rid of a lot of this feudalism stuff. After they had presented their ideas to the king, he said that it seemed like a pretty good plan to him and that he would start working on it/ Meanwhile, they should go back home and wait for all the big changes that were coming. They did, which was a pretty dumb thing for them to do. Wat Tyler stayed behind, wanting to discuss the particulars with the king, and so the sheriff of London stabbed him. The king never got around to the reforms he had promised. Did you actually think that he would?

Gammer Gurton's Needle

Gammer Gurton's Needle will meet in March at Lady Danitsa's house. Her address is 2507 Carol St. NE and phone is 292-5649. Directions are: Take your best route to Candelaria and Eubank. Take Candelaria 1 block East to Carol (between strip mall and church across the street from the post office). Take Carol south to 2507, the last house on the west side. We will continue practicing netting and work on our own projects preparing for Queen's Prize. Since we have been meeting for several years now, we have a large amount of instructional material we can share with anyone needing help with a special project.

Gammer Gurton's Needle is an interest group exploring many different hand-work techniques including but not limited to embroidery, laces, netting, bobbin or needle lace, beading, needlepoint, inkle loom, card weaving, etc. Please join us. We meet every Monday evening at 7pm. (we don't meet in garb). You can work on the month's emphasis or bring your own project. If you can't make the meetings, we have copies of all instructions and patterns and can make arrangements for individual meetings with teachers. Contact Rosamond at LadyRosamond@aol.com or 865-9082 for more information.



Court Dancing Article

Court Dance practices will be held on Sundays, March 3 and 17 at fighter practice park (Jeanne Bellamah Park) 12:30-2:30 PM. Everyone, age 7 and up is welcome. Lord Canus Dragonblood and I will be teaching English, French, and Italian court dancing, both beginning and more advanced, from 10 AM to 5:30 PM at the Arts and Science Collegium at St. Thomas of Canterbury Episcopal Church, on Saturday, March 2nd. There is no class fee and no materials are needed.

Yours in service,

Lady Barbara



Arts and Sciences Knowledge Exchange and Workshops

Topics to include: felting, lampwork beads, stone carving, soap, leather, conserves, cooking and much more. Meetings will take place on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month at 7 pm at 10417 Palo Verde Place NW; call Lady Scia at 344-0094 for directions.

Regular Activities

Fighter Practice

Sundays, 11 am to 4 pm, Jeanne Bellamah Park., on Tomasita between Mountain and Constitution, east of Eubank. *Contact: Lord James David 832-5393*

Rapier Practice

Sundays, Jeanne Bellamah Park, on Tomasita between Mountain and Constitution, east of Eubank. *Contact: Coinneach 343-8362*

Archery Practice

1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month. The practice range is at Master Tore's & Lady Sylvia's home. *Contact: Lord Steitan 832-4186*

Citizens Meeting

3rd Tuesday of every month, 6:30 p.m. Remember new site; MAP on page 8! *Contact: Lord Stjerne 861-2907*

Heraldic Submission and Commenting Meeting

The 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month, 6:30 p.m., at Earl Cathyn and Lady Alia's home, 207 Dartmouth SE, Albuquerque. *Contact: THL Pendar 866-4369*



Court Dance Practice

Sundays, 12:30 to 2:30 PM, March 3 & 17 at fighter practice park (Jean Bellamah Park). Also, Saturday, March 2, at the A & S Collegium at St. Thomas of Canterbury Episcopal Church, 10 AM to 5:30 PM. Court dance practice is open to everyone age 7 and up. *Contact: Lady Barbara 293-7453, or by email at: kreg@aps.edu*

Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice

Wednesdays, 6 p.m., Fighter Practice is now located at the Clockwork Jabberwock on Central just across from Kelly's Brewpub. We have a large open area in the back with hardwood floors and a 12-18 ft ceiling...*Contact: Lord Ryan 265-3142*

Gammer Gurton's Needle

The study and application of embroidery, lace, and other needlework techniques. *Contact: Lady Rosamond 865-9082*

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Period Acting

Meetings held Mondays from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Gatewood Apartments Community Room, 6300 Montgomery Blvd. *Contact: Lyonette 881-1758*

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